

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS21451

For youth athletes the risk of catastrophic injury or death is significant when a concussion or head injury is not properly evaluated and managed. This legislation adds a new section to Idaho Code, Section 33-1625, which provides for coaches, referees, athletic trainers, parents, and youth athletes to receive information regarding the signs and symptoms of concussions and the risks associated with continued play after receiving a concussion. It also provides guidelines for middle schools, junior high schools and high schools to follow in developing a concussion protocol for removing young athletes from play who are suspected of sustaining a concussion by exhibiting outward signs or symptoms consistent with the injury. An athlete may not return to play until he or she has received written medical clearance from an appropriate medical professional trained in the evaluation and management of concussions.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact.

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